

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Lawhon Elementary School, 140 Lake Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Prather who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone and Mr. Ken Wheeler. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

Incoming Superintendent, Dr. Gearl Loden, was also present and was recognized by Mr. Prather.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved at the noon meeting. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval by Board Clerk Patrice Tate:

February 17, 2012 – Special Called Meeting

Motion was made by Amy Heyer, seconded by Beth Stone, to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of February 17, 2012. Heyer, Hudson, Prather and Stone voted aye. Mr. Wheeler abstained. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed by majority vote.

February 21, 2012 – Special Called Meeting

Motion was made by Beth Stone, seconded by Amy Heyer, to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of February 21, 2012. Heyer, Hudson, Prather and Stone voted aye. Mr. Wheeler abstained. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed by majority vote.

February 28, 2012 – Special Called Meeting

Motion was made by Amy Heyer, seconded by Beth Stone, to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of February 28, 2012. Heyer, Hudson, Prather and Stone voted aye. Mr. Wheeler abstained. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed by majority vote.

March 6, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Rob Hudson, seconded by Beth Stone, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2012. Heyer, Hudson, Prather and Stone voted aye. Mr. Wheeler abstained. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed by majority vote.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Mrs. Christy Carroll, Principal of Lawhon Elementary School, welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Lawhon Elementary School.

B. Public Comments

No requests for “Public Comments” were received for this meeting of the Board of Trustees.

C. Recognitions

1. Tupelo Middle School 8th Grade History Students – received 3rd Place in the MS Arts Commission State Seal Contest Design
2. Tupelo High School Structure
3. Tupelo High School Debate Team
4. Tupelo Middle School and Tupelo High School Bridge Builders
5. Tupelo High School Ford/AAA State Qualifiers
6. Mathcounts State Competition – TMS 8th Grader James Grant placed second in the state and will advance to the national competition on May 10-13, 2012
7. 5th and 6th Grade State Honor Choir Members (Lawndale, Rankin and Milam Elementary Schools)

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Interim Superintendent David Meadows summarized the below reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A. Report on Moving Forward Together Component Four

Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented a brief report on the common themes identified by Board Members following their recent community and parent sharing meetings. Mr. Meadows stated that these themes will be utilized as a base on which to establish individual school “Councils of Excellence” as an inclusive structure and process for stakeholders to help move the Tupelo Public School District forward (copy on file).

B. High Performing and Star School Visits

Assistant Superintendent Frederick Hill presented information on High Performing and Star school visits. The following schools were presented: Joyner Elementary, Pierce Street Elementary, Thomas Street Elementary, S.A.M., H.S.A.A, and Tupelo High School (copy on file).

C. Ad Valorem Collection Comparison

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented an Ad Valorem Collection Comparison Report through March, 2012 (copy on file).

D. Security Cameras for THS, TMS, Fillmore, and Church Street Schools

Mrs. Julie Hinds and Mr. T. J. Higgins presented a proposal for consideration to add to the existing security cameras and associated infrastructure for campuses in the tupelo Public School District. This presentation focused on Tupelo High School and included a video of parking lot coverage, an aerial view showing exterior coverage, a floor plan to show typical placement, and a summary of cost estimates for the initial upgrade for the Tupelo High School campus (copy on file).

E. Enrollment Projections for 2012-2013

Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell presented preliminary enrollment projections for school year 2012-2013 based on a three-year cohort survival, which adjusts for retentions as well as transfers, enrollments, and withdrawals across the last three years (copy on file).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

In accordance with Mr. Meadow's recommendations, Mr. Hudson moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Donations #2011-2012-034 through #2011-2012-037
2. Single Source Purchase #SS1223
3. Approved Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - Tupelo High School and Tupelo Middle School Bridge Builders Clubs, Traverse City, Michigan, May 16-19, 2012
 - Tupelo High School Speech and Debate Team, Baltimore, Maryland, May 24-29, 2012
 - Tupelo High School Thespians, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 24-July 1, 2012

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

Mrs. Heyer moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented:

- Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- Approval of four (4) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of two (2) non-resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of seven (7) non-resident students (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

1. Licensed Staff

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations.

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Licensed Staff Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

2. Recommendation of Dr. Matthew L. Dillon for the Position of Assistant Superintendent with the Tupelo Public School District effective July 1, 2012

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of Dr. Matthew L. Dillon for the position of Assistant Superintendent with the Tupelo Public School District effective July 1, 2012.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for 2012-2013 School Year/Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff Contingent Upon Receipt of Valid Endorsed License for 2012-2013 School Year and Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Administrators Other Than Principals and Licensed District Administrators for the 2013 School Year

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended the reemployment of TPSD licensed staff for the 2012-2013 school year, reemployment of TPSD licensed staff contingent upon receipt of a valid endorsed license for the 2012-2013 school year, and reemployment of TPSD licensed administrators (other than principals) and licensed district administrators for the 2012-2013 school year.

- a. On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reemployment of TPSD Licensed staff for the 2012-2013 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.
- b. On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff contingent upon receipt of valid endorsed license for the 2012-2013 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.
- c. On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reemployment of TPSD licensed administrators (other than principals) and licensed district administrators for the 2012-2013 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Reemployment of Personnel for the 2012-2013 School Year Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Docket of Claims

Mr. Hudson reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period March 20-31, 2012, Docket of Claims #488 through #748, Accounts Payable Checks #324 through #507 in the amount of \$527,245.79.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period March 2012, Checks #3507 through #3525 in the amount of \$3,639.40.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period March 2012, Checks #5268 through #5325 in the amount of \$3,639.40.

The grand total for all funds is \$535,118.95.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims and check registers are legal and proper and they should be allowed and ratified as paid by the Superintendent or his designee pursuant to Section 37-9-14 (7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

The aforementioned Docket of Claims and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to award Bid #BD1112 Uniform Bid to G & K Services who offered the lowest bid (\$5.02 per person per week).

Advertisement:	BD1112 Uniform Bid
Person Responsible:	Julie Hinds/Nancy McReynolds
Funding Source:	District Funds
Bid Amount:	\$5.02 per person per week for Maintenance, Custodians, and Transportation
Recommendation:	G & K Services

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding BD1112 Uniform Bid is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

AEE Grants Recommended for Funding in School Year 2012-2013

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the seventeen (17) AEE grants awarded for school year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$66,213.97.

Heyer, Hudson, Prather and Wheeler voted aye. Mrs. Stone abstained from voting. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed by majority vote.

A copy of the report summarizing the AEE Grants Recommended for Funding in School Year 2012-2013 is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Several topics were discussed and recorded at the noon meeting of the Board.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at the noon meeting to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Eddie M. Prather, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary